

To the Voters of the Town of Southboro.

Having an opportunity of securing at a reasonable price, the building and land formerly occupied by the "Pilgrim Evangelical Society," and feeling unwilling that a building so well suited for school purposes, so conveniently and eligibly located should be lost to the Town, I have purchased the premises, with a view to fitting them up in a thorough manner for the use of a Public High School, and I hereby make a tender of the same to the Town, should you accept the offer, I agree to put the property in perfect order ready for occupancy by the commencement of the fall term September 1, when I shall be ready to surrender the premises to the town -

In making this offer it is necessary that certain conditions should be annexed, that the property may be kept and used for the purpose intended. I have made the conditions as few and brief as possible, not wishing the Town

to assume onerous responsibilities and expenses, that might render the gift a burden. I do not ask any appropriation from the Town for the support of the school for this year, above what has been made, we must obtain by subscription the balance required, but I wish the Town to appropriate at the next spring meeting in March 1860. the sum of Six hundred dollars from the Town Treasury for the support of a Public High School, as set forth in the deed to be hereafter read, this appropriation to be made each and every year for ~~ten~~^{seven} years; — after that, the Town may or may not sustain a high school, but whenever there shall not be a high school kept on the premises, eight months in each and every year, exclusive of vacations, then the property is to revert to me the donor, or my heirs unless they give their consent to a change. —

It will at once be seen that in giving this property to the Town for school purposes it is only due to me, that it should be so ar

ranged as to be always kept for that purpose. — The only other conditions I annex are that the Town shall keep the premises in good repair, and also keep the property insured ~~at the cost~~ in some reliable office for at least two thirds its value, as will be more plainly seen in the deed, and in case of injury or destruction by any casualty, the Town shall as speedily as possible repair or build on the same ground, a building equally good as this shall be after the repairs and alterations shall be effected. —

In making this proposition to the town I do it without sectional or personal preference, I would do as much to benefit one village in the Town as another, (and what benefits one, benefits all, we all share the advantages,) but this property seemed to be placed there as it were, for school purposes, and I have felt an increasing determination that it should not be lost to the Town, through

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any fault of mine. It is located in a position where it will most conveniently accommodate the greatest number of persons. —

In conclusion allow me to congratulate the Town, on the liberal stand it has taken within the past week on the school question,

It is a duty we owe our children, and a right they demand of us, to give them every facility to enable them to procure an education; good Teachers, comfortable, respectable, and well ventilated buildings are the great requisites, and although it may require large expenditures to obtain these privileges, we should remember that it will be paid back to us ten fold, in the increased value of our property, and this is the narrow view of the matter, but even if the contrary were the fact, we should assume this expense with cheerfulness, as we desire the future happiness

and respectability of those who in a few short years, will hold the places we now occupy in the management of affairs -

If you wish to see this Town populous and improving in everything desirable, educate the young, remembering that education is power, wealth, and when united with ^{else} purness of heart, is more to be desired than all ~~else~~ this world can ~~say~~ ~~beside~~ bestow.

Henry H. Peters

Southboro April 11. 1859. -

Now read the Motion

And upon the further condition, that said Inhabitants, and their successors, shall always keep such School building ^{against loss or damage from} as may ~~be~~ from time to time, stand upon said land, insured, in a sum not less than two thirds its value in some approved insurance office, and in case of loss or damage ~~thence~~ by fire or other means, shall speedily repair and rebuild the same, to the end that a school building shall ever be kept thereon of equal value, at least, with the present building when such building shall

have been fitted and finished by said Peters in
accordance with his present design, and possession
thereof given to said Inhabitants